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In response to the Examiner's Action mailed October 1, 2003, the time for response to which is extended by a petition submitted herewith, please consider the following remarks.